GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Deployment of Marshals on Flights
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed or proposes to sign pact with Germany for deploying marshals on flights of airlines operating domestically as well as those to neighbouring and Gulf countries;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether such Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) have been signed with other countries also;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the other steps taken/being taken to tackle/prevent hijacking of aircraft?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a): No Madam. However, an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with Germany on 05.10.2015 for carriage of In-flight Security Officers on board of flights between India and Germany.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to Part (a) above.

(c) & (d): An MoU has been signed with United States of America on 20.01.2010.

(e) All anti-hijacking security measures are undertaken in compliance of international obligations and national security threat assessment at all airports in the country.